

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The claims in this listing will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

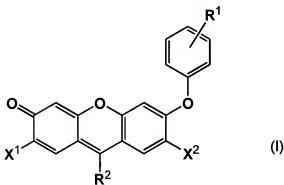
1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently Amended) ~~The measuring reagent method~~ according to claim [[1]] 3, wherein the compound represented by formula (I) which is 2-[6-(4'-hydroxy)phenoxy-3H-xanthen-3-on-9-yl]benzoic acid, or 2-[6-(4'-amino)phenoxy-3H-xanthen-3-on-9-yl]benzoic acid.

3. (Currently Amended) A method for measuring peroxynitrite, which comprises the steps of:

(A) reacting a compound represented by the ~~aforementioned general~~ following formula

(I) or a salt thereof and peroxynitrite,



wherein R¹ represents a substituted or unsubstituted amino group, or hydroxy group; R² represents a 2-carboxyphenyl group which may be substituted; and X¹ and X² independently represent hydrogen atom, or a halogen atom; and

(B) measuring fluorescence of a dephenylated compound or a salt thereof produced in the step (A).